

PSALM 21

In this Psalm David gives thanks to God for answered prayer, deliverance and blessing. He expresses recognition that his achievements and success came from the hand of God. In Deut 8:17-18 God's people are exhorted to remember just exactly Who is their strength and wisdom. As Jesus told His disciples in Jn 15 - "Apart from Me you can do nothing."

O Lord, the king rejoices in your strength. How great is his joy in the victories (salvation) you give!

- a.) You have granted him the desire of his heart and have not withheld the request of his lips. *In Ps 20 (which may be paired with this psalm) David had asked for help as he faced conflict.*
- b.) You welcomed ("meet") him with rich blessings and placed a crown of pure gold upon his head. *David realized that God had granted deliverance for the sake of His people and His purpose (Compare this with the attitude of the Assyrian king in Is 10:12-14)*
- c.) He asked You for life and You gave it to him - length of days for ever and ever (2 Sam 7)
- d.) Through the victories ("salvation") you gave, his glory is great; you have bestowed on him splendor and majesty. ("honor").
- e.) Surely you have granted him eternal blessings and made him glad with the joy of your presence ("made him joyful with mirth/happiness in your presence"). *In terms of our own lives, what does God, through His Spirit bestow on us as we seek Him? (e.g., Mtt 6:33, 11:28; Lk 11:13; Gal 5:22-23 etc.)*

For the king trusts in the Lord; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken (Rom 8:28-39, 2 Cor 4). *Our hope is in the Lord, He is our focus and strength. God worked through His servant, David and He works through us. He is our confidence.*

Your hand will lay hold on ("find out") all your enemies; your right hand will seize your foes ("those who hate you"). God reigns - He is Creator, Sustainer, Savior and Judge. Nothing and no one is outside of His view and authority.

- a.) At the time of your appearing ("when you appear in your anger") you will make them like a fiery furnace (Is 8:6-10, 10:5-19).
 - In His wrath the Lord will swallow them up, and His fire will consume them.
 - You will completely destroy their descendants from the earth, their posterity from mankind. Look at Mal 1:1-5.
- b.) Thought they plot ("intend") evil against you and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed; for you will make them turn their backs when you aim at them with Your bow. *God's will cannot be thwarted.*

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your strength; we will sing and praise Your might.